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Health Center with...for the majority of community based outpatient programs as well. Any efforts which you might take...make toward reversing this decision would be appreciated." How much time do I have?

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR PETERSON: Okay. I am sure the patients who cannot speak for themselves and who will benefit from treatment with 34 beds addition will thank you very much and I pray that you will not fail them. I ask for adoption and override of this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hefner is the next speaker but may I introduce some guests in the north balcony first who are guests of Senator Morrissey. We have 19 fourth graders from Sacred Heart School in Falls City and their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Hefner, followed by Senator Warner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I believe I will keep my remarks brief. I just wanted to talk to you a little bit about this. Senator Peterson explained it fairly well but let me call your attention to seven, eight years ago when the Norfolk Regional Center was scheduled to close or this was what...this was the proposal and, of course, at that time we fought it and we won the battle and ever since we have kept it open it has been full or nearly full and now we have a very critical need for more beds. And so this is why we're proposing to override the Governor's veto. We figured that maybe she would leave it into the budget because the need was great. Senator Labeledz was saying what her priorities were a little earlier. Senator Labeledz, this is my number one priority and I hope that you and the other senators can support it. But the need is great, not only for northeast Nebraska but way down to the Omaha area and other parts of the state. So, at this time, I would encourage you to vote for the override.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, you're next, but while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 223, LR 224, LR 225 and LR 226 and LR 228. Senator Warner, please, followed by Senator Dierks.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature,